(b) whether the Committee submitted their recommendation or otherwise, and, if so, the date of their final communication;

(c) whether the applicant was served with a memo from the Government, regretting inability, owing to financial stress, and, if so, the copy of the reply with date?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) (1) Yes.

(2) No.

(b) The question does not arise, in view of the answer to part (a) (2).

(c) Yes. A copy of the memo served on the petitioner is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has the Government cared to know that a copy of the petition was sent to the Economic Development Board?

Mr. C. Matthai.—As far I know, I don't think the Government had any information. It is not mentioned in the petition that a copy was forwarded to the Economic Development Board. The Committee had no communication from the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Government know about it? That is my question.

President.—So there was no petition to the Economic Development Committee?

Mr. C. Matthai.—There was a petition. But there was no petition forwarded by the Government to the Committee.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Government know that a copy of the petition was sent to the Economic Development Board? That is my question.

President.—By whom was it sent?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—By the applicant himself.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Government have no information.

Prosecutions on account of the use of incorrect weights and measures.

228. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—In view of the fact that there is a growing complaint among the masses that correct weights and measures are not used in several of the places in the State, will the Government be pleased to place on the table the number of case in connection with this detected by the authorities during the past 3 years, and the number of cases that ended in conviction?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There were in all 11 prosecutions during the past three years, of which ten ended in conviction.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There is a growing complaint among the masses that correct weights and measures are not used in several places in the State. Do the Government admit that there is such a complaint?

President.—Now, you assume something, and you want to know whether that assumption is correct.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Yes. But do they admit that there is such a complaint?

President.—But you put it as a supplementary question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there serious complaints like that?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—We have prosecuted 11 cases. Without complaints, how can there be prosecutions? We have prosecuted 11 cases, and there are no other complaints.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there serious complaints? That is my question. 11 cases in three years is not a big number.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There were no further complaints.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—On a point of order, Sir. The question beginning with "in view of the fact" and so on, is out of place; it is not a question. It is an argument, and so it is against the rule.

Particulars regarding the nomination of a convicted man to the Parappukkara Panchayat.

229. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state, with reference to the nomination of a convicted man to the Parappukkara Panchayat—

(question 44 of the budget session 1101)

(1) the date of nomination of the said member;

(2) the date of complaint against the nomination;

(3) the several stages of the enquiry conducted, and

(4) the result of the enquiry?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) 6—1—1101.

(2) The complaint petition is dated 27—2—1101. It was received on 3—3—1101.

(3) The question is not clear.

(4) The result of the enquiry showed that a few persons of the locality were not well disposed towards Mr. Raman Menon, and they made most of the signatories to the petition believe that it was for getting a new road opened and the Kurumali bund strengthened. It was also found that Mr. Raman Menon was once fined Rs. 2 for walking along the railway line and committing trespass.'

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